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New Faculty Members: MSUO has attracted more new faculty members from outstanding institutions. The Board of Trustees last week approved the appointment of Soviet expert Robert C. Howes, 37, formerly of Cornell University, the Central Intelligence Agency, and the Office of Strategic Services. Howes will be an assistant professor of Russian language and literature and will also teach in MSUO's area studies program. He organized and taught Czech language and area studies courses on the Soviet Union and China for the C.I.A. before teaching at Cornell, where he also received his doctorate.

Robert E. Quaintance, Jr., 34, comes from Duke University as assistant professor of English language and literature. He received his doctorate from Yale and his B.A. from Amherst. Before going to Duke, he taught at Robert College, Istanbul, Turkey, and was on the Intelligence Staff of the Department of the Army. Alfred J. DuBruck, 39, comes from Kalamazoo College as assistant professor of French. DuBruck who received his doctorate at the University of Michigan, has taught there and in schools in France. John G. Blair, 27, who has just received his Ph.D. from Brown University will be an instructor in English. Another brand new Ph.D., James L. Cooper from the University of Wisconsin, will be an instructor in history.

The percentage of Ph.D.s on the MSUO faculty during the next academic year will continue to be approximately 90 per cent -- the highest in the country, and three times the national average. Sixteen are being added to the present faculty of 55.

Two on Faculty Get Awards: Professor Thomas Fitzsimmons of the English faculty has received a Fulbright award of two-and-a-half million yen for a 10-month lectureship at the University of Tokyo starting this summer. Professor Fitzsimmons is now in Rome. Dr. Walter Collins, head of the Music Department, has left for a four-month stay in England under a grant from the American Council of Learned Societies. He will complete research work for a volume on Thomas Weelkes, a 17th century composer and the most famous of English madrigalists. Professor Francis Tafoya, head of the Language Department, will be teaching at the University of Neuchatel in Switzerland this summer.

Student Newspaper Editor Named: William E. Hoke, a junior, from Birmingham, has been named editor of the Oakland Observer, replacing Susan Bierstein whose one-year appointment ends this week. Hoke, an English major, has been managing editor since October.

Paul Turk, a sophomore, from Kent, Ohio, has been promoted from news editor to managing editor. Sophomore Nancy Cowen, of Birmingham has been promoted from reporter to news editor. Karen Hefner, a sophomore, from Pontiac, has been reappointed to the position of business and advertising manager.

Both Miss Bierstein and Turk have summer newspaper jobs. Miss Bierstein will work as a reporter for the Lapeer County Press, and Turk will be on the news staff of the Lexington, Ky., Herald.

Year-Round College Popular: The idea of going to school the year round, and graduating in two-and-two-thirds years is proving more popular than was anticipated. Registration so far for the third semester which begins next Thursday is 500, with more expected. This represents one half of the MSUO student body, although only the freshman class of 400 was expected to be on year-round operation.

The College Provides a Car: The university is in the process of acquiring a bus so as to provide transportation for students who want to go to Birmingham and Detroit, or to nearby golf and swimming clubs. The bus will make regularly scheduled runs including late trips on weekend evenings so that dormitory students who have no cars will be able to go to the theater and other events in Detroit. Arrangements are being completed with nearby golf and swimming clubs to open their facilities to MSUO students; the bus will provide the transportation making these arrangements feasible. MSUO's \$1.5 million intramural building meanwhile is coming along apace. The superstructure of steel is now rising and the contractor promises the building will be ready for use in September.

Advanced Placement Conference: On April 4, the College Entrance Examination Board held a conference on its Advanced Placement Program which gave officials and teachers of the Detroit and Oakland County high schools an opportunity to exchange ideas and information with MSUO faculty members. MSUO gives credit to students who pass advanced placement exams with scores of four or five. Those who score three are evaluated by faculty members in the discipline concerned, who determine whether the student shall get credit. From MSUO's point of view, the conference proved most valuable and judging from comments that have come back to us, representatives of the high schools also found it worthwhile.

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